December 22, 2024 | I Surrender My Stuff
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SERMON NOTES

3 Responses to the gift of Jesus:

1. Some people respond with UNWELCOMING HOSTILITY.

2. Some people respond with INDIFFERENT NEGLECT.

3. Some people respond with WORSHIPFUL SURRENDER.

- Where did they come from?
- When did they come?
- How many came?
- Who were they?

(See Isaiah 9:2, Isaiah 60:1-3, Numbers 24:17)

- What about the star?

a) They surrendered their TIME for the King:

b) They surrendered their COMFORT for the King.

c) They surrendered their TREASURES for the King.

GOING DEEPER

Today we light the fourth candle of Advent as we remember that Jesus is the Light of World.

Sunday Reading:

Micah 5:2
(NIV) 2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Isaiah 9:1-2
(NIV) 1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Sunday Prayer:
As we light this fourth candle, we celebrate you, Lord Jesus. You are the Light of the World. You are the one who brought light into the darkness when you created the Sun, Moon and Stars by simply speaking. You are the One who sheds light onto the darkness of our sin. We praise you for using the star to grab ahold of the wise mens’ attention and hearts to lead them to find and worship you as King. May we also come and bow down to you and open up the treasure of our hearts to you as our King, the One who has conquered our sin and brought us light. We surrender all to you in worship.

Monday: Luke 2:1-7

Tuesday: Luke 2:8-14

Wednesday: Luke 2:15-20

UPCOMING

Christmas Eve Services | 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:30pm
Middle School Winter Blast | Feb 7-9th | Registration is OPEN
LifeGroup Signups | January 5-12th | ehope.org/groups